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MEMORANDUM FOR 37 AS/CC

FROM: MSgt Robert E. Eslinger

SUBJECT: Character Reference Letter – SSgt Loverde

1. I am currently the first sergeant for the 86th Construction and Training Squadron, and have been a first sergeant for 3-1/2 years. Before that, I was an element supervisor in the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) at Ramstein AB. Aside from my first sergeant experience, I have been a supervisor in the Air Force for approximately 16 years.
2. It was while serving at the Ramstein PMEL that I got to know SSgt Anthony (Tony) Loverde. He worked for me for several months as a technician in the DC/Low Frequency Measurements element of the laboratory. This was shortly after he had graduated from technical training, so I was very closely involved in much of his on the job training and early mentorship.
3. One of the first things that struck me about SSgt Loverde was his sound work ethic and maturity. Even as a young Airman, he always displayed a sharp sense of professionalism and leadership ability. This was illustrated by his promotion to Senior Airman below-the-zone and selection for promotion to Staff Sergeant on his first attempt. As a PMEL technician, Tony always produced high quality work, and I always knew that I could count on him to get the job done right.
4. I recall that when Tony was nearing the end of his first enlistment, he was struggling with the decision to reenlist or not. I remember telling him that he was exactly the kind of person the Air Force needs to retain... because of his professionalism, integrity, and devotion to duty. I have not changed my opinion today. I still firmly believe that if SSgt Anthony Loverde is allowed to continue to serve in the Air Force, he will do so honorably. I would certainly want him to work for me again. In fact, I would even work for him if that opportunity ever presented itself. For this reason, I fully recommend that you consider retaining him in the Air Force. He has the potential to go very far in whatever endeavor he pursues... I hope that includes continued service to our nation. If retention is not an option, then an honorable discharge is imperative. Thank you for your consideration.

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